

What are the boundary lines for the state park?

Maps with boundaries marked can be found at the office, interpretive center, and on property bulletin boards. A map showing boundary areas will be available in spring 2005.

The approximate state park boundaries are as follows: The west side of Cold Friday Road down to the Horseman's Campground, the west side of Potato Run down to the Ohio River, the north side of the Ohio River up to the Breeden property line, up to the Blue River, the south and east side of Blue River up to the Breeden property line (old Cole farm), around the edge of the Breeden property, along the west side of the Blue River to the Old Iron Bridge (Breeden's Bridge), along the south side of the Old Iron Bridge Road (Old Forest Rd.) up to the Class A Campground, along the south side of the road from the campground, along the south side of the main road, around the fire tower, and up to the main office to Cold Friday Road.



Why did the name change from Wyandotte Woods to O'Bannon Woods?

The late Governor Frank O'Bannon was from this area, and it was deemed an appropriate way to memorialize and recognize him. Additionally, Governor O'Bannon's father and family were instrumental in procuring land for the state when the state forest was being established.

What areas will be managed as a state park?

The core recreation area (which includes the Class A Campground, the Horseman's Campground, Hickory Hollow Interpretive Center, many of the picnic areas and hiking trails) is the state park. Wyandotte Caves is also part of the state park. Additionally, all recreation resources (horse and hiking trails, canoe access areas, Stagestop Campground, etc.) located on the state forest will be managed and maintained by the state park.

What areas will be managed as a state forest?

The 24,000 acres surrounding the state park remain state forest. These areas will be managed as they have been in the past. The state forest staff will manage the natural and cultural resources within the state forest, while state park staff will manage the recreation resources.

Park staff or forestry staff?

Dwayne Sieg is the property manager for Harrison-Crawford State Forest. Wayne Werne is the resource specialist for the state forest. They are employees of the Division of Forestry. Pete Thorn is the property manager for O'Bannon Woods State Park. The Division of State Parks and Reservoirs employ him and all other currently employed staff. Both divisions are within the Department of Natural Resources.



Will we still be able to hunt on the state park?

Hunting is not allowed on state park property. Hunting is allowed within legal hunting seasons on Harrison-Crawford State Forest. Basically, the park is a 2000-acre safety zone within the state forest. Please check with staff for information on regulations and boundary lines.

Will the pool reopen now that it is in a state park?

The Division of State Parks and Reservoirs considers a pool/ aquatic center a high priority. However, proper rehabilitation of the existing facility is expected to cost up to 1.5 million dollars. An existing or new pool facility could not be ready to open to the public until 2007 or later.

Will an inn be built here?

Although an inn has been discussed, currently there are no active plans to proceed with that project.

Will fees and reservation procedures change?

Entrance fees, camping fees and reservation procedures remain the same. Horse campground sites and the group camp are now reservable in the same manner as the Class A campground. Additionally, the Pine Lake Shelter and Shelter #2 are reservable. You may call 1-866-622-6746 or go to www.camp.in.gov to make reservations for any of the facilities listed as reservable.

Is Wyandotte Caves SRA part of the park?

Wyandotte Caves is part of the new state park. Its name will remain the same. Currently reservations for tours can be made by calling 1-888-70-CAVES or going to www.wyandottecaves.com

How do I contact the state forest and the state park?

Please continue to use 812-738-8232 to contact the state park and the state forest for general information, and office staff will assist you.



We hope this has answered your questions about O'Bannon Woods State Park and Harrison-Crawford State Forest.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to ask any park or forestry employee, or call the main office.

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**Frequently Asked Questions
about the new**

**O'Bannon Woods
State Park**

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Is there still a Harrison-Crawford State Forest here?

Harrison-Crawford State Forest consists of 24,000 acres, which surround the 2000-acre O'Bannon Woods State Park. The Division of Forestry staff continues to have offices in the state park, allowing them to manage the natural and cultural resources within the state forest.

Why did some of the state forest become a state park?

The Division of Forestry formerly managed the 2000 acre Wyandotte Woods State Recreation Area (SRA) and Wyandotte Caves SRA, and has historically concentrated on less developed outdoor recreation in conjunction with resource management. The Division of State Parks and Reservoirs has a more appropriate structure and funding level for managing highly developed recreation facilities such as O'Bannon Woods.